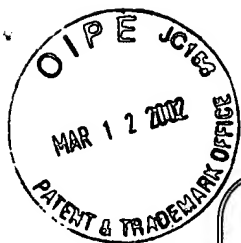


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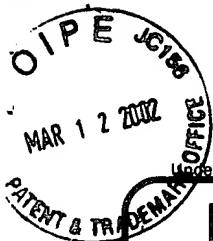
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Remarks

Claims 82-133 are pending. Applicants greatly appreciate that claims 89, 90, 95, 96, 107, and 108 are allowable if rewritten in independent form.

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